

## **BEACHWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

### **Policy on illness/Communicable Diseases:**

Our school serves well children and **cannot permit a child who has any type of illness** or symptoms of illness to attend or continue attending school. If symptoms occur after the daily health check, the child will be isolated from others, and a parent will be called and informed that the child must be picked-up within the hour. It is important for parents who work to make advance arrangements for back-up care for situations such as this. **If after one hour**, the child has not been picked up, licensing requires our school to call all the emergency contacts listed until someone is able to come for the child. **Symptoms of illness include:**

Severe pain or discomfort	Red eyes with discharge (Pink eye)
Acute Diarrhea within 24 hours or	Weeping or bleeding skin patches
One/two episodes of diarrhea at school	Infected untreated skin patches
Vomiting within 24 hours or	Mouth sores with drooling
One episode of vomiting at school	Difficult or Rapid Breathing
Sore throat &/or severe coughing episodes	Stiff neck
Lethargy that is more than tiredness	Skin rash with fever & behavior changes

**Elevated axillary temperature of 100.5 with behavior changes**

**Elevated axillary temperature of 100.0 for an infant under 6 months should be evaluated by a physician.**

The child may return to school once he/she is symptom-free, or has a physician's note stating that he/she may return to school. The school shall not permit a child or staff member with an **excludable communicable disease\*** to attend school or remain at school until:

1. A note from the child's or staff member's physician states that the child or staff member has been diagnosed and presents no risk to others;
2. The school has contacted the Ocean County Health Department to report the illness and is told the child or staff member poses no health risk to others;
3. If a child or staff member has chicken pox, the school must obtain a note from the parent or staff member stating that all sores have dried and crusted.

**\*ReferenceGuide:**[http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable\\_disease\\_magnet.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf)

### **Policy on Medication Administration: 3A:52-7.5**

Parents need to administer all medication to their children at home to see if the child has any type of reaction. Many medications can be administered in 12 hour intervals thus relieving us of this responsibility. Medication poses an extra burden on staff & having medication in the facility is a safety concern, although we do have lock boxes for medication. Medication will only be administered to a child in our care more than 4 hours and for whom a CARE PLAN or other written consent with instruction for the administration of prescription medication has been provided to the Lead Teacher or an Administrator. **Non-Prescription medication must be authorized in writing by a Health Care Provider.**

Prescription medications must be in an **original container** that is labeled by a pharmacist with the child's first & last name, the name & strength of the medication, the date the prescription was filled, the name of the health care provider, the medication's expiration date & instructions for the dose, time, method & duration of administration. **Parents must provide the appropriate measuring spoon.** A more in depth policy is available upon request.